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State of Texas

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Douglas R. Hyde  
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City of Dallas  
City Hall  
Dallas, Texas 75201

OR95-1303

Dear Mr. Hyde:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 30673.

The Dallas Police Department (the "department") has received a request for the department's "policy on the arrest procedures for a suspected prostitute. Please include the standard operating procedure for a 'sting' type operation . . . ." You claim that the material is excepted from required public disclosure under section 552.108 and that its release would "compromise ongoing police investigations and unduly endanger the lives and safety of undercover officers." We agree in regard to parts B and C of the document. Parts B and C contain detailed guidelines for undercover police procedures and their release might interfere with law enforcement and crime prevention. Open Records Decision No. 531 (1989) at 3. Therefore, parts B and C may be withheld from required public disclosure. The material in part A, however, contains general law enforcement directives, and part D is devoted to a city ordinance. Parts A and D are public information and should be released immediately. *See id.*, Open Records Decision No. 551 (1990) at 3.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination under section 552.301 regarding any other records.

If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Guajardo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kay" and last name "Guajardo" clearly distinguishable.

Kay H. Guajardo  
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Enclosure: Submitted document

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